

Thesis

Duties of the Physician

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Of all others, the Physicians calling
is the highest, holiest & most noble,

In as much as he is called to
deal with mortality, he should not
forget that there is an Immortality
within - If he be a Physician in
the strict sense of the word, his
Course will be onward & upward
in the Scale of Intelligence, while
his hangers on, - who once despised him,
will be but admirers of his goodness
& greatness

In ^{his} Social as well as ~~his~~ ^{his} prof-
essional Character; he should be
Upright & Straight forward in all
his ways, feeling that his mission
is one of Love & Mercy -

In the sick room he should be plain
& unassuming in all his actions,
Courteous & pleasant in his manners,
in this he will at once inspire
confidence in his patients & friends

He should feel that to him is
entrusted the life, health & happiness
of his fellow beings. — To him they
look for help! — unto him they have
entrusted all that they have —
^{mine} all that is near & dear to them
on earth! — even life which is
so sweet is now committed to
the care of the Physician.

How responsible his position! —
and with what care & close applica-
tion should he seek to make
himself thoroughly acquainted with

The Human Organism that he may be able to detect even the most minute traces of disease,—

In Examination of the Sick it should be done with the utmost discrimination & Care, noting carefully all the symptoms as they occur, tracing disease from cause to effect & from effect back to cause,— tracing symptom after symptom until a full & complete diagnosis is made,— Then he should compare all the symptoms carefully minutely & closely, until from some key note he is able to select his remedy,— Then & not until then should he ever attempt

to deal out medicine to the Sick.

Again he should not forget
that his mission is sometimes
of the most delicate character,
when he is called to stand at the
beside of the Sick or the dying—
Then all his Sympathy, Courage,
fortitude & Skill is called into
action,— When the anxious Wife &
doting friends shall watch his
every word, motion & expression, &
Seeking to get some data on which
to base hope,— With a clear mind—
unclouded Intellect, & unshaken
nerve, he must be calm &
collected,— Upon the one hand
is the grim Tyrant, death—
On the other, his Skill in the

great law of "Similia Similibus
Curantur", without which death
will soon close the scene,—

His mind now hastens back
to the teachings of the "great Master"—
with caution & close discrimination
he notes all the symptoms—he
now compares them carefully
& selects his remedy—or
perhaps from rage, madness,
& distortion of the whole body &c—
he is able to choose his remedy
at once—The little pellet is
given, & the magic spell is
broken,—

Or perchance every
effort may be used— all
means in his power be brought

to ~~hear~~, but to no effect! — ^{Death}
is doing its mighty work —

It is then he is called upon
to administer in words of comfort
& consolation to the departing
Spirit. — But even at this hour
he should be calm & composed;
forgetting not that "man is
born once to die" — Yet
assuring the living that when
Homoeopathy fails, no power
on earth can save —